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PLACE: BUCHING, GERMANY

Time

- 0700 Battalion remains in same location with no contact with enemy. Scattered number of prisoners still giving up. Many peace rumors in air but none confirmed. Two patrols, one of F Co, and one of G Co., to check areas reported by PW.
- 0730 Fatal 6 calls battalion to inform us of no change in situation. Companies are to conduct training.
- 1100 Battalion S-5 and S-1 leave Battalion OP to check on progress of F and G Companies.
- 1115 Word received that battalion will move by motor to OBERAU.
- 1230 Battalion S-6 holds meeting with Company and attached unit commanders. Battalion will move by motor and at 1415 to cross IP. Same march order as usual.
- 1320 Word received that a H Company EM was shot by a sniper in BAYERNIEDHOPFEN. Battalion S-6 leaves Battalion OP to make investigation. H Company and 383rd FA set fire to two houses where shots were reported to have been fired. All civilians lined up in town's main intersection to witness fire. At this time an artillery man was shot and assassinater was riddled by GI's. This dead German was placed before civilians for their observation.  
The town will never forget th~~e~~ incident and will think again before shooting an American.
- 1500 Battalion moves out for OBERAU.
- 2130 Battalion closes into OBERAU.
- 2400 Casualties: 1 BC.

PLACE: OBERAU, GERMANY

2 May 1945Time

- 0700 Battalion remains in same location.
- 1215 Word received to have quartering party ready to move. Troops to be on 30 minute alert.
- 1430 Companies that ride on artillery trucks ordered to move out on highway to lead on trucks as they come through and move to MITTENWALD (E and G companies). Remaining parts of battalion to await further orders.
- 1455 Artillery trucks leave without troops. Troops to walk.
- 1515 Fatal 6 arrives at Battalion OP. Battalion to move at once, for MITTENWALD.
- 1525 Fatal 6 leaves Battalion OP.
- 1530 E, F and G Companies leave OBERAU for MITTENWALD.
- 1700 Organic vehicles leave OBERAU for MITTENWALD.
- 2010 Battalion closed into MITTENWALD.
- 2030 Fatal 6 notifies Bn S-6 to have battalion on 2 hour alert to move South by motor.

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PLACE: MITTENWALD, GERMANY

Time

2400 Casualties: None.

3 May 1945

PLACE: MITTENWALD, GERMANY

Time

0700 Battalion maintains present location.  
 0940 Fatal 6 orders roadblock placed at SW entrance to MITTENWALD.  
 0950 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion OP to have one platoon of F Company place road block.  
 1030 Battalion S-6 leaves Battalion OP for Fatal OP.  
 1045 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion OP.  
 1130 Battalion S-6 returns to Battalion OP.  
 1445 Fatal 7 6 arrives at Battalion OP for routine visit.  
 1515 Fatal 6 leaves Battalion OP.  
 1525 Battalion S-6 leaves Battalion OP.  
 1530 All Companies of battalion take a one hour walk.  
 1745 Battalion S-6 returns to Battalion OP.  
 2000 One house high on side of mountain East of MITTENWALD leveled by 4.2 mortars, TD's and .50 cal MG. Reason: Reported enemy officers holding out and sniping at soldiers at base of mountain.  
 2030 Battalion placed on 2 hour movement order.  
 2200 Battalion alert movement order reduced to 1 hour.  
 Battalion will move by motor to INNSBRUCK tonight.  
 2400 Casualties: None.

4 May 1945

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

Time

0050 Warning order received. Battalion will have 7 Serials crossing IP with 1st Serial at 0320.  
 0320 Battalion crosses IP leaving MITTENWALD for INNSBRUCK.  
 0630 Battalion closes into INNSBRUCK. Battalion now has entered 3 European countries: GERMANY, FRANCE, AND AUSTRIA.  
 0930 Battalion S-3 reports to Fatal and receives orders to give companies Zones of Responsibility as well as having 5 guard posts on disbanded German arms.  
 1000 F, G and H Companies given zones of responsibility and E Company given five guard posts.  
 1455 Battalion S-6 reports to Fatal for meeting with Fatal 6.  
 1525 E Company reports Guard Posts in position.  
 1630 Battalion S-6 returns to Battalion OP.  
 1745 Fatal 3 arrives at Battalion OP to have battalion place bridge guards at all bridges over SILL River and surrounding areas.  
 1800 Battalion S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders on physical appearance, military courtesy, curfew, etc.

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PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

4 May 1945 (Cont'd)Time

1815 Fatal 3 leaves Battalion CP.  
 2130 H Company guard posts in place.  
 2400 Casualties: None.

5 May 1945Time

0700 Battalion remains in present location occupying and guarding important installations of INNSBRUCK.  
 0945 Fatal 5 orders 1 platoon to quiet disturbance and place guard on food warehouse.  
 1015 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion CP to place guard on warehouse.  
 1025 Fatal 6 arrives at Battalion CP.  
 1100 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1115 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion CP to check on guard posts.  
 1145 Fatal 6 leaves Battalion CP.  
 1245 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1600 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion CP to check on uncovered warehouse that may need guarding.  
 1745 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 2000 H Company patrol picked up former Gestapo foreman of an Engineer plant who had records and approximately 650,000 marks hidden in a mountain cave outside of the city which was turned over to Fatal.  
 2015 Received phone call from Fatal that all German resistance now facing 7th Army would cease at 1200, 6 May 1945.  
 2115 Battalion loses all Attachments as they will revert bak to control of their respective units.  
 2400 Casualties: None.

6 May 1945Time

0200 Received phone call from Fatal that 7th Army orders us to close INNSBRUCK radio station.  
 0700 Battalion remains in present location occupying and guarding important installations of INNSBRUCK.  
 0940 Battalion S-3 leaves for H Company area.  
 0950 Battalion S-5 leaves for G Company area for routine check.  
 1020 Capt. Rosenstiele, artillery liaison officer, returns to his organization while Battalion is in this set-up.  
 1030 Battalion S-5 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1040 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1100 Overlay of areas of responsibilities for 6 May 1945 received via Liaison Officer.  
 1345 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion CP to check posts and visit Fatal CP.  
 1415 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1420 Battalion S-5 leaves Battalion CP to investigate alleged rape case.

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PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

6 May 1945 (Cont'd)Time

1445 Battalion S-6 and S-3 leave for Fatal CP to attend a meeting with Fatal 6.  
 1630 Battalion S-6 and S-3 return to Battalion CP.  
 1635 Battalion S-5 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1700 Battalion S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders on administrative matters.  
 1835 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion CP for F and G Companies areas to check on warehouse in their areas.  
 1900 Battalion in their areas.  
 1900 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 2110 Food warehouse reported to be looted vic - 763574. E Company patrol investigated same and found information to be unfounded.  
 2115 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion CP to check on post security.  
 2145 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 2300 Guide from AMG shows H Company patrol location of warehouse to be investigated.  
 2400 Casualties: None.

7 May 1945Time

0700 Battalion remains in present location occupying and guarding important installations of INNSBRUCK.  
 0825 Battalion S-3 leaves for F and H Company areas for routine check.  
 0850 Battalion S-6 leaves Battalion CP for routine check of companies.  
 0935 Fatal 6 visits Battalion CP.  
 0945 Fatal 6 leaves Battalion CP.  
 0955 Battalion S-6 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1030 Battalion S-5 leaves for Battalion area on routine check.  
 1110 Battalion S-3 leaves for E Company area.  
 1130 Battalion S-5 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1145 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1330 Battalion S-2 leaves to check on Displaced persons in H Company area.  
 1415 Battalion S-3 leaves Bn CP for E and F Company areas to check on guard posts.  
 1415 Battalion S-2 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1620 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1730 Overlay with report of guarded installations submitted to Fatal.  
 2100 Lt. WILLBRAND and Lt. RUSTEJKAS return to duty.  
 2400 Casualties: None.

8 May 1945Time

0700 Battalion remains in present location occupying and guarding important installations of INNSBRUCK.  
 0800 Half of Hq. Co. 2d Bn and all of G Company rehearsing for forthcoming review.  
 0830 Lt. Doggett returns to duty.

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PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

8 May 1945Time

0900 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion CP for Fatal CP to attend a meeting in regard to forthcoming review.  
 1030 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1245 Battalion S-2 leaves for Fatal CP for rehearsal of forthcoming review.  
 1330 Battalion S-2 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1422 Battalion S-3 leaves for E Company to check on warehouse.  
 1600 Received memorandum on V-E Day Review.  
 1645 Battalion S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 1930 Battalion S-5 leaves Battalion CP for Fatal CP to attend a meeting.  
 2045 Battalion S-5 returns to Battalion CP.  
 2100 Captain Gibbs returns to duty.  
 2400 Casualties: None.

9 May 1945Time

0001 The end of the war in Europe became officially effective at one minute past midnight this morning although there was a general cease fire order issued to Allied Troops yesterday. Although this morning marks the beginning of the official V-E Day, the occasion was celebrated in all Allied countries yesterday; speeches were made by President Truman, King George, and Mr. Churchill.  
 0700 Battalion remains in present location occupying and guarding important installations of INNSBRUCK.  
 0810 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion CP for F Company area for rehearsal of motorized part of V-E Day Review.  
 0900 Battalion S-5 leaves Battalion CP to inspect kitchens and supplies in battalion.  
 1000 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1030 Battalion S-2 leaves Battalion CP for Battalion Staff check of H Company.  
 1045 Battalion S-5 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1100 Battalion S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders discussing administrative matters.  
 1400 Battalion S-3 leaves Battalion CP for E Company area.  
 Battalion S-2 leaves Battalion CP for Division Review.  
 1520 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion CP.  
 1525 Battalion S-6, S-5, S-3 and S-1 leave Battalion CP to witness Division V-E Day Review.  
 1600 Fatal 6 visits Battalion CP and informs us that AT Company is on alert to necessitate any action that our battalion patrols cannot handle.  
 1610 Fatal 6 leaves Battalion CP.  
 1640 Battalion S-5, and S-2 return to battalion CP.  
 1645 Battalion S-6, S-3 and S-1 return to Battalion CP.  
 2400 All is quiet and no disturbance is encountered whatsoever.

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PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

10 May 1945

Time

- 0700 Battalion remains in present location occupying and guarding important installations of INNSBRUCK.
- 0835 Battalion S-3 and S-2 leave Battalion OP to check F and E Company areas.
- 0840 Battalion S-5 leaves Battalion OP to check on kitchens and supplies in battalion.
- 1015 Battalion S-3 and S-2 return to Battalion OP.
- 1030 Battalion S-5 returns to Battalion OP.
- 1500 Battalion S-6 has meeting with all NCO's in battalion. He commended them for their good work in the past and told them of what was expected of them in the future.
- 1515 Battalion S-3 leaves for F Company to check company area and guard posts.
- 1530 Battalion S-6 leaves for Fatal.
- 1640 Battalion S-6 returns to Battalion OP.
- 1700 Battalion S-3 returns to Battalion OP.
- 1930 Battalion S-6 leaves for Fatal for meeting.
- 2200 Battalion S-6 returns to Battalion OP.
- 2400 All is quiet and no disturbance encountered whatsoever.